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GIRLS EDUCATION AND THE COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on the subject `Girls Education and the Common School System` has been set up to examine schemes, incentives and special measures taken to reduce gender disparity and increase the participation and retention of girls, in all sectors of education as an ongoing process;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide 50% reservation for girls in admission in Government and Private Schools as recommended by the CABE;

(d) if so, the details of other recommendations likely to be implemented; and

(e) the details of the follow up action thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CABE Committee on `Girls` Education and the Common School System` has, inter alia, made the following recommendations for girls education:

All schools should have female teachers and female attendants Q In every school there should a child care center.

Greater effort in gender sensitization especially among boys and male teachers should be made.

Targets should not be spelt only in terms of enrolment and retention but also in terms of relative achievement and performance.

Courses of study for girls must be same as for boys at all levels and the concept for soft or `womanly` subjects for girls should be avoided as it contradicts the right to equal treatment for boys and girls.

Girls have the right for positive discrimination through affirmative action by the state.

Part time schooling for girls should be replaced by 50 per cent reservation for girls at the entry points of regular schools.

Employment of girls should be prohibited.

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme should be implemented in all earnestness, a Education of girls up to age 18 should be made free.

Incentives offered for girls` education need to be revisited.

(c) to (e) Implementation of the recommendations is an on-going process. Since school education is primarily within the purview of the State Governments, the report of the CABE Committee on `Girls` Education and the Common School System` has been sent to the State Governments for necessary action.